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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC NOTES REGARDING US-JORDANIAN NONSCHEDULED AIR

SERVICE AGREEMENT

REF: (A) 76 STATE 301056, (B) STATE 11930

1.ON BEHALF OF GOJ, ROYAL JORDANIAN AIRLINES PRESIDENT, ALI GHANDOUR, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR JANUARY 22 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TEXT OF US DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON JOINT SYRIAN/JORDANIAN AIR SERVICES TO UNITED STATES (REF B). GHANDOUR ADVISED AMBASSADOR THAT GOJ IS CONCERNED ABOUT INTERPRETATION OF ONE PHRASE OF PROPOSED TEXT, I.E. "MANDATORY STOP IN EACH DIRECTION AT DAMASCUS." (IN REF B THIS PHRASE APPEARS IN PARA #2 AS LAST PART OF FIRST SENTENCE.) ALTHOUGH IT IS INTENDED THAT JORDANIAN/SYRIANS WILL CONNNECT 747 FLIGHT TO US WITH FLIGHT BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND AMMAN USING SAME FLIGHT NUMBER AS 747 FLIGHT TO NORTH AMERICA, THEY PLAN TO USE AIRCRAFT SMALLER THAN 747 (PROBABLY 727) FOR THIS PORTION OF TRIP. ACCORDING TO GHANDOUR FOR A NUMBER OF PERSUASIVE TECHNICAL REASONS THIS SHORT HOP UNECONOMICAL AND NOT PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE BY 747. GHANDOUR IS CONCERNED THAT PRESENT LANGUAGE QUOTED ABOVE MAY REQUIRE USE OF 747 FOR DAMASCUS/AMMAN HOP. AMBASSADOR ADVISED GHANDOUR THAT HE WOULD CONFIRM WITH DEPARTMENT THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EQUIPMENT CHANGE AND DESIRE TO ORIGINATE FLIGHT ALTERNATIVELY IN AMMAN OR DAMAACUS DESIRED BY JORDANIANS/SYRIANS WOULD NOT VIOLATE AGREEMENT AS TEXT PRESENTLY PROPOSED. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRM THAT DESIRED EQUIPMENT CHANGE PERMISSABLE UNDER PRESENT PROPOSED WORDING OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE OR PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE LANGUGE. GHANDOUR ADVISED AMBASSADOR THAT OTHER THAN THIS ONE POSSIBLE PROBLEM, TEXT OF NOTE PROPOSED

(REF B) IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOJ.

2. ON DECEMBER 13, EMBASSY SENT GOJ FOREIGN MINISTRY DIPLOMATIC NOTE PER INSTRUCTION (REF A) AND HAS BEEN AWAITING REPLY. IT APPEARS TO US THAT EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES PER REF B WILL SUPERCEDE AND ENCOMPASS SUBSTANCE OF OUR NOTE BASED ON REF A. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRMATION THAT THIS INTERPRETATION IS CORRECT AND INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ANY ACTION WE SHOULD TAKE REGARDING OUR NOTE BASED ON REF A.

3. GHANDOUR ADVISED AMBASSADOR THAT ALIA (RJ) ALREADY HOLDS FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT AND THAT SUBMISSION FOR NECESSARY AMENDMENTS ARE ON TRACK (PARA #1, REF B). PICKERING

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